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SUBJECT: UNIDO - PREPARATIONS FOR SECOND GENERAL CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY: NOVEMBER 19 LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY PERMREPS OF FRANCE, FRG, U.K., U.S., BRAZIL, INDIA AND INDONESIA (PERU AND SOVIET UNION HAD BEEN INVITED BUT WERE AWAY) WAS OCCASION FOR LENGTHY DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE LINES OF DEVELOPMENT OF UNIDO-II ITEM AT PC-III. LDC'S CAARACTERIZED IT AS ONLY ITEM REQUIRING EXTENDED ATTENTION. END SUUUMARY.

1. ON UNIDO-II DOCUMENTATION LDC REPS INDICATED THEIR MEETINGS WITH SECRETARIAT (REF A) HAD NOT RESULTED IN ANY SIGNIFICANT PROPOSALS FROM THEIR GROUPS FOR CHANGES IN PROPOSED DOCUMENTATION. GENERAL VIEW DURING SUBSEQUENT LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WAS THAT PROCEDURALLY PC-III EXAMINATION OF DOCUMENTATION QUESTION MIGHT BE IN TWO PARTS: (A) WHETHER PROPOSED NINE SUBJECT AREAS REPRESENTED SATISFACTORY COVERAGE (I.E. WHETHER ADDITIONAL SUBJECT AREAS SHOULD BE ADDED OR PROPOSED SUBJECT AREAS ELIMINATED), (B) SERIATIM EXAMINATION BY SUBJECT AREA OF QUESTION WHETHER

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VARIOUS ASPECTS THEREOF PROPOSED TO BE DEALT BY DOCUMENTATION

AS SET FORTH IN ID/B/C.3/11 ACCEPTABLE. WE NOTED THAT U.S. VIEWS ON DOCUMENTATION HAD NOT YET BEEN SUBMITTED. U.K. (JACKSON) EXPRESSED PERSONAL DISLIKE FOR PROPOSED "ISSUE PAPERS", SUGGESTING IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE PAPERS "PROBLEM ORIENTED" AND SO AVOID BECOMING ENTANGLED IN DISCUSSION OF "BASIC ISSUES" (SEE PARA 2 BELOW). AT ONE POINT INDIAN AMBASSADOR (JAIPAL) OBSERVED THAT QUESTION OF DOCUMENTATION WAS SECONDARY SO FAR AS INDIAN GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED. IN FACT, HE SUSPECTED GOI WOULD PAY LITTLE ATTENTION TO IT. THERE WERE CERTAIN OBJECTIVES WHICH INDIA WOULD WISH TO SEE ACHIEVED AT UNIDO-II AND ITS PROPOSALS TO THIS END WOULD BE FORMULATED WITHOUT PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO DOCUMENTATION.

2. DURING MEANDERING EXCHANGE ON WHAT UNIDO- II SHOULD BE BROADLY CONCERNED WITH, INCONCLUSIVE SPECULATION DEVELOPED ON PRECISE MEANING OF THIRD OPERATIVE PARA OF SECOND COMMITTEE RESOLUTION (L/1293 REV 1) I.E. WHETHER THE PHRASE "WITH A VIEW TOWARDS ESTABLISHING THE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR AN INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION" MEANS UNIDO-II COULD STOP SHORT OF DRAFTING AND ADOPTION OF SUCH PRINCIPLES.

U.K. ARGUED THAT UNIDO-II SHOULD AVOID WASTING TIME ON "BASIC ISSUES". RATHER, DISCUSSION SHOULD BE "PROBLEM ORIENTED" AND CONCERNED WITH ARRIVING AT CONSENSUS ON POSSIBILITIES FOR PRACTICAL ACTION. PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT BE TO DEBATE THEORETICAL QUESTIONS OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, BUT HOW BEST ACTUALLY TO ACHIEVE INDUSTRIALIZATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. FRG (UNGERER) AGAIN ON PERSONAL BASIS RAISED POSSIBILITY OF HAVING DOCUMENTATION EXAMINE QUESTION OF EFFECTS OF ACTION BY OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES ON WORLD INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND ATTITUDES TOWARD INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIONS IN THIS FIELD. JAIPAL RESPONDED TO THIS POINT, THAT, THROUGH NO FAULT OF ITS OWN, INDIA FACED EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PROBLEM AS A RESULT OF OIL PRICE INCREASES AND THREATS TO SUPPLIES AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOUND THEMSELVES IN SAME SITUATION. IN HIS VIEW THE OBJECTIVE OF ANY DISCUSSION OF THIS PROBLEM AT THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE TO SAFEGUARD THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FROM ACTIONS OF THIS NATURE BY THE OIL PRODUCERS.

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4. JAIPAL ARGUES AT LENGTH THAT PC-III SHOULD ESTABLISH A FORMAL INTERSESSIONAL GROUP TO ACT AS A SUB-COMMITTEE TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE. IN HIS VIEW SUCH MECHANISM WAS REQUIRED: (A) TO PROVIDE FRAMEWORK FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND NEGOTIATION OF SUBSTANTIVE PROPOSALS, (B) TO KEEP TABS ON SECRETARIAT PREPARATIONS. IN RESPONSE TO ASSERTIONS FROM GROUP B COUNTRIES THAT QUESTION OF ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERSESSIONAL MACHINERY NEED NOT BE DECIDED UNTIL PC-IV/IDB-VIII

JAIPAL TOOK POSITION THAT SUCH MACHINERY SHOULD BEGIN TO WORK NOW AND THAT UNTIL IT WAS ESTABLISHED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS TO FOCUS SYSTEMATICALLY ON CONFERENCE PREPARATIONS. JAIPAL FOUND UNSATISFACTORY SUGGESTIONS FROM GROUP B COUNTRIES THAT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG MOST ACTIVE VIENNA MISSIONS COULD USEFULLY TAKE PLACE INFORMALLY AS WAS THE CASE PRIOR TO IDB-VII. JAIPAL ALSO TURNED DOWN SUGGESTION THAT PC-III COULD AGREE ON NEED EVENTUAL NEED FOR INTERSESSIONAL MACHINERY WITH PC-IV RETURNING TO QUESTION OF WHEN TO ESTABLISH IT. INDONESIA SUPPORTED INDIAN LINE AS DID BRAZIL IN PRINCIPLE. BRAZIL'S (BITTENCOURT) CONCERN WAS MAINLY WITH JAIPAL VIEW THAT INTERSESSIONAL GROUP BE HELD TO NINE OR AT MOST 10 (IN LATTER CASE TO ALLOW FOR 6 LDC'S RATHER THAN 5, 3 GROUP B, AND 1 GROUP D), SINCE THIS WOULD FACE LATIN AMERICANS WITH DIFFICULT CHOICES. WHEN GROUP B RAISED QUESTION OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF INTERSESSIONAL MACHINERY JAIPAL RESPONDED THAT MOST OF INTERSESSIONAL MACHINERY'S WORK COULD BE DONE INFORMALLY WITH ONLY OCCASIONAL BRIEF FORMAL SESSIONS INVOLVING USUAL PARAPHERNALIA OF SECRETARIAT SERVICES, ETC. ALTHOUGH GROUP B REPS INITIALLY EXPRESSED COMMON VIEW THAT NO PC-III DECISION ON INTERSESSIONAL MACHINERY REQUIRED, U.K. REP STATED TOARD END OF DISCUSSION THAT HE HAD BEEN PERSONALLY PERSUADED TO JAIPAL'S VIEW. AT THIS POINT FRG TOOK AMBIVALENT POSITION. FRANCE AND U.S., HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO QUESTION NEED FOR PC-III DECISION. MATTER WILL PROBABLY COME UP AGAIN FOR DISCUSSION AT NOVEMBER 27 GROUP MEETING.

5. COMMENT: INDICATIONS ARE THERE MAY BE SUBSTANTIAL GROUP OF 77 OPINION PRESSING FOR PC-III ESTABLISHMENT OF SOME FORM OF INTERSESSIONAL MACHINERY, IN PART AS AN EARNEST OF SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE PREPARED APPROACH UNIDO-II EVEN THOUGH BASIS FOR INTENSIVE PREPARATORY WORK BETWEEN PC-III AND PC-IV YET UNDEFINED. JAIPAL LINE AND SHIFT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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